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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Nicosia Bureau

FROM :  Chief, Monitoring Operations Division

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SUBJECT : Nicosia Bureau Emergency Coverage Plan Update

REFERENCES : A. MHQ-5023 -- Request for Emergency Coverage Plans
B. WA231538 Jan 86 -- Service: Emergency Coverage Plan Updates
C. NC271052 Jan 86 -- Service: Emergency Coverage Plans.

1. Attached is the update to the Nicosia Bureau Emergency Plan, dated 8 April 1985. As noted in Ref C, there have been no developments since the issuance of the plan that require changes in substance. A few changes in format and style have been made and the Brindisi entry has been slightly elaborated, but without changing the spirit of the original.

2. In accordance with the 6-month update schedule for these plans, as stated in Ref A, the next update of this plan will be due in September 1986. Nicosia Bureau may wirefile suggested updates at that time.

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Attachment:
NC Emergency Coverage Plan

cc: Ch/TA, Ch/JN, Ch/LD, Ch/GF, Ch/WSS, Ch/AU, MOD Files (PLAN 10-1), Registry

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NICOSIA BUREAU EMERGENCY PLAN

In event of interruption of Nicosia Bureau operations and subject to changes depending on the situation at the time:

1. JORDAN Bureau would take (Class A coverage underlined):

A. 1) Arabic:

- a. Cairo Domestic;
- b. Cairo MENA;
- c. Beirut domestic, and other Lebanese radios as reception permits -- part Class A.

2) English: Cairo MENA..

B. Personnel shift of all nine Arabic monitors, two editors, three teletypists, one technician, and one admin assistant.

C. Equipment needed: JN will lease additional English printer if/when needed.

2. GULF Bureau would take:

A. 1) Persian:

- a. Moscow (Class A);
- b. Baghdad Persian to Iran.

2) Arabic: Relieve JN of Baghdad Domestic and Voice of Masses as required.

B. Personnel shift of one Persian monitor if NOC obtainable.

C. Equipment needed: None.

3. TEL AVIV Bureau would take:

A. 1) Greek:

- a. Nicosia Domestic and some Cyprus papers, as available--part Class A;
- b. Moscow Greek to Cyprus.

2) English: Nicosia Domestic.

3) Persian: Beijing.

B. Personnel shift of three Greek monitors, Arabic/Hebrew monitor (Kamar), one editor, and one teletypist.

C. Equipment needed: None.

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4. BRINDISI site (or Athens, if politics permit) would take:

A. 1) Greek: Athens Domestic Service and some Greek papers, as available--part Class A.

2) English: Athens Domestic Service.

B. Personnel shift of three Greek monitors (including chief monitor), deputy chief, one editor, two teletypists, and staff regional engineer.

C. Equipment needed: USAF equipment can be used initially, but for long-term situations, receivers, teletype equipment and a medium-wave antenna directed at Athens would be necessary for good reception. If Athens alternate site used instead, small portable radios and cassette recorders should suffice.

5. AUSTRIA BUREAU would take:

A. English: Paris AFP (expanding selection from existing coverage of North European beam).

B. Personnel shift: None.

C. Equipment needed: None

6. LONDON/BBC would take:

A. Coverage: None.

B. Personnel shift of one Persian if cannot be sent to GF.

7. LOSSES would include:

- a. Some Lebanese radios;
- b. Nicosia Greek television;
- c. Bayrak television.

8. ALTERNATIVES and UNCERTAINTIES:

Choice of Brindisi vs Athens.

Bureau chief might best be used at Athens to negotiate space if that option is viable -- otherwise his location not yet determined.

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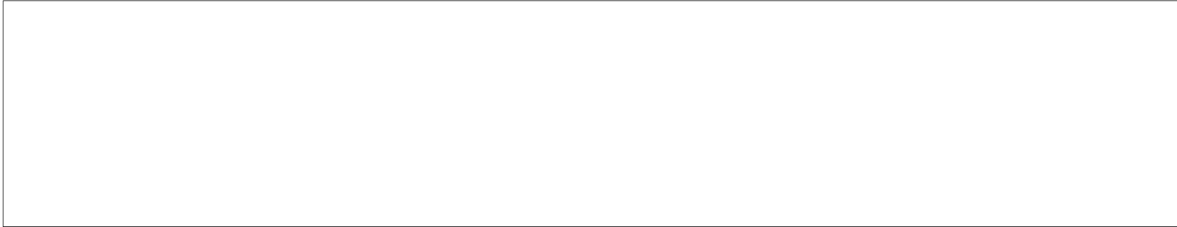
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Assignment of Nicosia's second technician would depend on where he is most needed at the time. Initially, he would remain in Nicosia to supervise relocating bureau equipment to warehouse for safekeeping or shipping to other locations.

9. Vulnerability of COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRIC POWER:

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Bureau has its own generator in attached building; Embassy has separate generator.

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